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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

William J. Dower, et al.

Application No.: 09/661,927

Filed: September 14, 2000

For: SUBSTRATES AND SCREENING  
METHODS FOR TRANSPORT  
PROTEINS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2003. The original deadline for response was October 30, 2003. A one month petition for extension of time is enclosed, thus extending the deadline to November 30, 2003 which, because it fell on a Sunday, further extends the deadline until December 1, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.